GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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VIGILANCE WING IN HIGH COURTS
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has called upon the Vigilance Wing of the State High Courts to keep a close tabon `corrupt and dishonest` judges in the subordinate judiciary;

(b) whether the State level conference of the district judges and unit heads on February 17, 2001 has urged the vigilance wing to probe the activities of dishonest judges and punish them accordingly;

(c) if so, whether any concrete steps are being considered by the Government to check the corruption in judiciary; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)
(a) & (b) : In the absence of details regarding the dignitary who made such observations and full details of the State Level Conference of District Judges, it has not been possible to ascertain the correctness of the observation from the Supreme Court Registry.

(c) & (d) : The subject matter regarding corruption in lower judiciary is the concern of respective High Courts in accordance with the provisions of Article 235 of the Constitution of India. Care is taken to recruit/promote persons of integrity. Use of information technology in courts is being encouraged to promote transparency and easy access to information, which reduce the scope for corrupt practices.